

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Upon entry of the current amendment, claims 1,2, 6-9, 11, 12, 15, and 19-22 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1, 15 and 22 are currently amended. Claims 16-18 are currently cancelled. The Examiner has acknowledged that, other than the formal matters, the subject matter of claims 1, 2, 6-9 and 12 are directed to allowable subject matter.

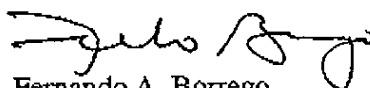
Claims 1,2, 6-9, 11, 12, and 15-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The amendment to claim 1, 15 and 22 render this rejection moot.

The Examiner rejected Claims 15-22, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over *Lear, et al.* Rejection of a claim under 35 U.S.C. § 102 requires that each and every limitation of the rejected claim be found in a single prior art reference. If even a single limitation of the claim is not found in the prior art reference then the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 is improper and must be withdrawn.

Claims 15 and 22 have been amended to include the limitation regarding the amount of propylene oxide in the polyol of from greater than 15 to 50% by weight based on the total weight of the polyol. Such a process is not disclosed in *Lear, et al.* In *Lear et al.* it is made clear that the end block of propylene oxide can not exceed 15 weight percent, which is outside the range of amended claim 1. The present invention permits a much higher level of end block than the cited reference. Thus, the rejection of Claims 1, 15 and 22 and the claims which depend therefrom, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) or 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on *Lear, et al* is improper and must be withdrawn.

Applicants' attorney respectfully submits that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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